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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Gas Company for Authority to
Construct Facilities and Render Natural Gas Service in the
Town of Marion, Grant County, Wisconsin

6650-CG-196

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO consider the August 16, 1999, application of Wisconsin Gas Company (WGC), as a gas public utility, for authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.49, and Wis. Adm. Code ch. PSC 133, to construct facilities and render natural gas service in the Town of Marion, Grant County, Wisconsin.

WGC is a gas public utility as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5), with its principal office at 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. WGC is engaged in the business of distributing and selling natural gas in the City of Milwaukee and its suburban areas and in other Wisconsin cities, villages, and towns. WGC presently serves as a natural gas public utility in the immediate vicinity of the requested service area, including the Village of Boscobel.

No natural gas utility is currently authorized to provide natural gas service in the Town of Marion, Grant County.

The Town of Marion, Grant County, Wisconsin, adopted an ordinance on July 7, 1999, granting WGC the authority to provide natural gas service in the Town of Marion.

WGC is proposing to install approximately two and one-half miles of plastic natural gas main to serve Cozy Acres Mobile Village in the Town of Marion, Grant County. The proposed route contemplates an extension from WGC's present facilities which are located just northeast of STH 133 and Borden Drive intersection in the Town of Boscobel. From this point the project will extend southwest along STH 133 to Riverview Lane and Cozy Acres Mobile Village. In addition, an extension will be built along Peer Road to a point approximately 900 feet south of STH 133 and Peer Road intersection.

The total first-year direct cost of the project is estimated to be \$83,593. Approximately 12,650 feet of plastic main would be installed. A total of 41 residential customers and one commercial customer would be served during the first year. The cost estimate does not include

joint expense and general administrative overhead. Extensions of service to the proposed customers will be pursuant to the WGC's currently filed Extension of Distribution Facility Rules.

The Commission intends to consider the application without a hearing.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from Wisconsin Gas Company in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). No unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely. Neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director, at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator John R. Vogt at (608) 608-3374.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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